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LISTING OF CLAIMS

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This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A button-attaching device comprising:
an upper die for fixing a button;
a lower die on which a button coupler to be coupled with the button with a fabric interposed therebetween is disposed; and
a button holder for temporarily holding the button and transferring the button held by the button holder to the upper die, and
a button holder moving unit for moving the button holder between a button holding position for holding the button with the button holder and a button transferring position for transferring the button from the button holder to the upper die, wherein
~~the button is fixed to the upper die by transferring the button held by the button holder to the upper die~~
the button holder moving unit moves the button holder along a circular trajectory between the button holding position and the button transferring position, the circular trajectory being described around a horizontally-provided rotating shaft.

Claims 2 and 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The button-attaching device according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the button holder moving unit includes: a rotating shaft; a rotating member that is rotatable around the rotating shaft, one end of the rotating member being connected to the button holder; and a resilient member connected to the rotating member, the resilient member acting so that the button holder moved away from the button holding position returns to the button holding position.

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Claim 5 (previously presented): The button-attaching device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a unit for moving the button holder away from a lifting path of the upper die in conjunction with a lift-down motion of the upper die.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The button-attaching device according to claim 1, wherein the button holder includes a projection or a dent corresponding to a notch or a tab as a marker for a circumferential position of the button.

Claims 7 and 8 (cancelled).